

Crystal Human Rights Commission

Meeting notes for September 23, 2013

7:00 PM

City Hall Conference Room A

- I. Meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM
- II. Members present , Elisa Oliva Chair, Meredith Torres-Walsh Co-Chair, Sandi Schraut Secretary, new members Carolyn Maristany, and Anjaleck Flowers, and 2 new pending members were introduced they are Crystal Johnson, and Sandra Farb, lastly, Stephanie Revering was here as Police Liason.
- III. Old Business, Member brought forth suggestions of tasks for Human Rights Commission, (HRC) to work on in the coming year. The pamphlets for the HRC now are in the holders in hallway of City Hall, check them out.
- IV. Oliva suggested we work in conjunction with area school. Anjie and Carolyn are willing to work with her in this area. Oliva also passed out several copies of a book that states which things are human rights and attempts will be made to get more copies.

Sandi suggested that we work with the city of Crystal on local food shelf; we will discuss this further in the next meeting. Sandi and Crystal will work together on an awareness and informational presentation on mental illness in the community to present to the HRC at the next meeting.

Carolyn brought forth some suggestions to re-word the city code as it pertains to the HRC and will speak to the City Attorney regarding this. Carolyn also mentioned her concern that the Mayor of Crystal has imposed limits on the open forum during City Council Meetings. The HRC recognizes that while it is every citizen of Crystal s' right to protest these limitations it will not be an issue that we are willing to work on at this time.

Stephanie offered to put a brief synopsis what HRC is about in the City Web Site.

- V. A motion was made to move the November meeting to November 18 due to normal date being very close to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Please note the change on your calendars.
- VI. Next meeting is Scheduled for October 28th